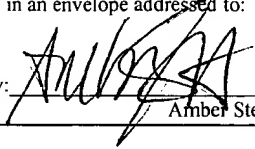




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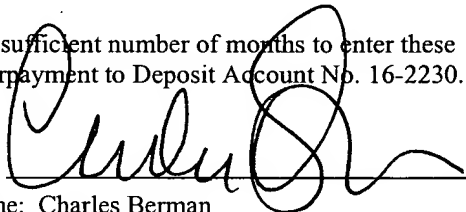
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Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2000, kindly enter the following amendments:

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5. (Amended) A composite material, comprising a supporting material in the form of sheet or roll constituted by [one of the following materials:

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or] a mixture of a regenerated leather [regenerated] material [or a derivative thereof];

or natural leather;

[or cork;

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